



# Marriage Act 1949

1949 CHAPTER 76 12 13 and 14 Geo 6

## PART VI

### GENERAL

#### **72 Supplementary provisions as to marriages in usual places of worship.**

- (1) For the purposes of the following provisions of this Act, that is to say, subsection (4) of section six, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section fifteen and subsection (3) of section thirty-five, no parish church or authorised chapel shall be deemed to be the usual place of worship of any person unless he is enrolled on the church electoral roll of the area in which that church or chapel is situated, and where any person is enrolled on the church electoral roll of an area in which he does not reside that enrolment shall be sufficient evidence that his usual place of worship is a parish church or authorised chapel in that area.
- (2) Persons intending to be married shall have the like but no greater right of having their banns published and marriage solemnized by virtue of the said provisions in a parish church or authorised chapel which is the usual place of worship of one or both of them as they have of having their banns published and marriage solemnized in the parish church or public chapel of the parish or chapelry in which they or one of them resides.
- (3) Where any marriage has been solemnized by virtue of the said provisions it shall not be necessary in support of the marriage to give any proof of the actual enrolment of the parties or of one of them on the church electoral roll of the area in which the parish church or authorised chapel in which the marriage was solemnized was situated, nor shall any evidence be given to prove the contrary in any proceedings touching the validity of the marriage.
- (4) In this section the expression “church electoral roll” means a church electoral roll provision for which is made in [<sup>F1</sup>the Church Representation Rules].

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects  
for the Marriage Act 1949, Section 72. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 72(4) substituted (E.) (1.1.2020) by [Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019 \(No. 1\)](#), s. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 7](#); S.I. 2019/1460, art. 2

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 72(4) amended by [Marriage \(Wales and Monmouthshire\) Act 1962 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 1(2)

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